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On June 14, 2012 a Federal Register Notice (FRN) was published regarding the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) Conformed Power Marketing Criteria or Regulations for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP) and on October 30, 2012, a FRN was published regarding the BCP-Post-2017 Resource Pool. Western hosted a public comments forum on November 29, 2012 and December 19, 2012. California Department of Water Resources State Water Project (CDWR-SWP) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments.

1. Is the power generated by the Hoover Power plant considered green/renewable or zero carbon energy? If the Hoover Power Plant is not able to provide the contingent capacity and firm energy amounts contracted and Western is asked to purchase power to fulfill energy obligations, would the energy purchased be green/renewable or zero carbon energy?
2. In the situation in which the contractor cannot use the entire contracted amount of energy, will the contractor be able to sell unused power in the CAISO Market? Can Western clarify what is meant by "Contracts for BCP power shall permit transactions with an independent system operator"?
3. Per the 1984 Conformed Criteria, energy will be delivered at the Mead Substation and designated Hoover Switchyards, transmission service arrangements to other delivery points will be the obligation of the contractor. Can Western verify where the nearest scheduling point is to deliver power from the Hoover Power Plant to the CAISO market.
4. All qualified applicants must be located within the established Boulder City Area marketing area. CDWR-SWP may only have one pumping plant within the marketing area, can Western verify if the facility is within the Boulder City Area marketing area if given the location?
5. The FRN made "terms of contract" references to various documents, many of them which cannot be found on Western's website. Can Western provide supplementary documents that contains terms of the Post 2017 BCP contracts (i.e. Boulder Canyon Project Implementation Agreement Contract No. 95-PAO-10616)?